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REMARKS

Claims 15, 17, 21, and 23 are pending in this application, all of which have been amended in response to rejections provided by the Examiner in the Official Action mailed June 24, 2005.

A Petition for a three-month Extension of Time, extending the deadline for this Response from September 24, 2005 to and including December 24, 2005, is submitted herewith. The Examiner is invited to treat this as an application for any other extensions of time necessary to provide this response.

As a first matter, the Examiner has indicated that the information disclosure statement filed April 22, 2005 failed to comply with the 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed has been placed in the application file. The applicant respectfully points out that each of the foreign references cited in the present application and to which the Examiner's objections pertain, namely DE 4118695; JP 04273286 and JP 06159739, have been properly submitted and considered in the parent patent application, U.S. Pat. Appln. No. 09/978,217, now U.S. Patent No. 6,648,497. As such, under 37 CFR 1.98(c)(2) the Applicant is not required to provide duplicate copies of the references in this application. Notwithstanding, the Applicant will represent these references for consideration by the Examiner in a paper submission following the filing of this Response.

The Examiner and the Applicant conducted a telephone interview on Wednesday, December 21, 2005 regarding the outstanding office action, and in particular, the multiplicity of

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